

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed May 13, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-7.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Michael Trinh
Primary Examiner

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DETAILED ACTION

*** This office action is in response to Applicant's Amendment filed May 13, 2005. Claims 1,3-7 are pending. Claim 2 was canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1,3-7 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Applicant's amendment and remarks filed May 13, 2005 have overcome rejections in the last office action. The references of record including Figueroa (6,446,317), Adae-Amoakoh (6,370,012), etc., alone or in combination, do not fairly anticipatively disclose each and every aspect of the claimed thin film capacitor device, or fairly make a prima facie obvious case of the claimed device, as combination with other limitations, the inclusion of, as in claim 1, a metal film region and a dielectric film region which are formed by selective anodic oxidation into a metal film formed on the lower electrode; and upper electrode formed on the dielectric film region; a first conductor extending from the lower electrode toward an opposite surface of the core substrate; a first electrode pad is provided on the first conductor; a second electrode pad is provided on a second conductor connected to the upper electrode; and a third conductor provided on the metal film region; and

as in claims 4 and 6, the inclusion of having a dielectric film region and a first and a second metal film region into which a metal film is divided by selective anodic oxidation; the first conductor connected to the lower electrode is connected to a lower surface of the metal film region; a third conductor is connected to an upper surface of the first metal film region; the second conductor connected to the upper electrode is connected to an upper surface of the metal film region; and a fourth conductor is connected to a lower surface of the second metal film region; and first to fourth electrode pads are provided on the first to fourth conductors, and a capacitor is formed by the dielectric film region, the upper electrode and the lower electrode

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael M. Trinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-1847. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:30 Am to 5:00 Pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on (571) 272-1852. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application proceeding is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Trinh", is positioned above the printed name.

Michael Trinh
Primary Examiner